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For: STEREOLITHOGRAPHIC APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
MANUFACTURING THREE-DIMENSIONAL OBJECT WITH  
PHOTOHARDENABLE RESIN

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of  
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Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, 1.98, and it is requested that the information set forth in this statement and in the listed documents be considered during the pendency of the above-identified application, and any other application relying on the filing date of the above-identified application or cross-referencing it as a related application.

1. This IDS should be considered, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, as it is filed: (Check one of the boxes A-D)

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☐ C. after (A) and (B) above, but before the mailing date of a final rejection, a notice of allowance, or any other action that closes prosecution, and Applicants have made the necessary statement in box "i" below or paid the necessary fee in box "ii" below.

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2. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98, this IDS includes a list (e.g., form PTO-1449) of all patents, publications, or other information submitted for consideration by the office, either incorporated into this IDS or as an attachment hereto. A copy of each document listed is attached, except as explained below.

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- ☐ A. Document(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is (are) deemed substantially cumulative to document(s) \_\_\_\_\_, and, in accordance with 1.98(c), only a copy of each of the latter documents is enclosed.
- ☒ B. All documents were previously cited by or submitted to the Office in the following prior applications, which are relied upon under 35 U.S.C. 120:

U.S. Patent Appln. No. **09/557,257**, filed **April 24, 2000**

Applicant Identifies these documents by attaching hereto copies of the form PTO- 1449 from the files of the prior application(s) or a fresh PTO- 1449 listing these documents, and request that they be considered and made of record in accordance with 1.98(d). Per 37 CFR 1.98(d), copies of these documents need not be filed in this application.

☐ 3. Document Nos. \_\_\_\_\_ are not in the English language. In accordance with 1.98(c), Applicant states:

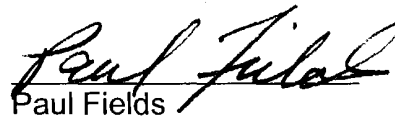
- ☐ An English translation of each document (or of the pertinent portions thereof), or a copy of each corresponding English-language patent or application is enclosed.
- ☐ A concise explanation of the relevance of document(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is found in the attached search report (see MPEP § 609 A(3)x).
- ☐ A concise explanation of the relevance of document(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is set forth as follows: [Insert concise explanation of relevance]
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found, for example, at claim 54 as originally filed; support for new claim 66 can be found, for example, at claim 55 as originally filed; support for new claim 67 can be found, for example, at claim 56 as originally filed; support for new claim 68 can be found, for example, at claim 57 as originally filed; support for new claim 69 can be found, for example, at claim 58 as originally filed; support for new claim 70 can be found, for example, at claims 59, 60 and 61 as originally filed; support for new claim 71 can be found, for example, at claim 50 as originally filed; and support for new claims 72, 73 and 74 can be found, for example, at page 57, lines 10-23.

Entry and consideration of the foregoing amendments are therefore respectfully requested. An early and favorable examination of this application on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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